



2008 National Library Week Quiz

Utah State Law Library – Answers

1. What year was the law library established?

- a. 1852
- b. 1896
- c. 1930
- d. 1980

Answer: 1852. It was provided for in the legislation that established the Territory of Utah. See An act to establish a Territorial Government for Utah, ch. 51 §14, 9 Stat. 457 (September 9, 1850)

2. Approximately how many volumes were there in the Utah State Law Library collection in 1898, and how many are there today?

- a. 450 / 15,000
- b. 8200 / 56,000
- c. 1200 / 120,000
- d. none of the above

Answer: 8219 / 56,000+. See Lilburn P. Palmer, *Report of State Librarian for the Years 1897 and 1898* for 1898 figures.

3. What was the annual salary of the librarian when the library was first established?

- a. \$400
- b. \$1000
- c. \$7,500
- d. \$16,000

Answer: In 1852 the annual salary of the librarian was \$400 + \$150 for contingent expenses

4. For how many years was the Clerk of the Supreme Court designated as the state law librarian by statute?
- a. 5 years
 - b. 30 years
 - c. 65 years
 - d. 90 years

Answer: 90 years, between 1896 and 1986.

5. What is the publication date of law library's oldest book?

- a. 1502
- b. 1660
- c. 1851
- d. 1891

Answer: Hughes, *Grand Abridgement of the Law ...* (1660), an index to British cases and a summary of the common law.

6. How much did a volume of the Federal Reporter cost in 1956? How much does a volume cost today?
- a. \$1.00 / \$50.01
 - b. \$7.00 / \$104.50
 - c. \$12.00 / \$85.32
 - d. \$24.00 / \$65.15

Answer: \$7.00 / \$104.50 – a 1393% increase in 62 years.

7. When did the law library get its first public copier?
- a. 1952
 - b. 1974
 - c. 1988
 - d. 2004

Answer: 1974